GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3596
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ACCIDENTS OF ASHPOND OF NALCO
Oram Shri Jual

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers affected due to the accidents of the Ashpond of NALCO in Orissa;

(b) whether all these affected farmers have not been given compensation so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite the payment of compensation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) The total number of holdings affected due to the accident of ash pond breach of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) on 31st December, 2000 were 1028 as assessed by District Administration, Angul, Orissa.

(b) & (c) The compensation package as decided by State Government of Orissa has been disbursed to 990 holdings out of 1028 holdings as on 12th December, 2005. Compensation for the remaining 38 holdings could not be disbursed due to title dispute.

(d) NALCO has requested Tahsildar, Angul to settle the dispute early, so that the compensation can be paid for the remaining affected holdings.